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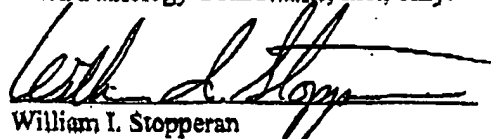
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, William I. Stopperan, President, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc., hereby appoint Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., whose mailing address is 125 South Howes, Third Floor, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, including Luke Santangelo, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 31,997, Chad C. Soliz, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 47,101, Alfred K. Wiedmann Jr., whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 48,033, and Nicole A. Ressuc, whose registration number before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is 48,665, as Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.'s attorneys to prosecute this application entitled "Novel Identification Method and Apparatus" and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith. The undersigned grants the firm of Santangelo Law Offices, P.C., the power to insert on any document filed in this matter any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to indicate filing information or to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office or any foreign patent office for recordation of this document, including, but not limited to, inserting the application number, the execution date, mailing information, or the filing date of the above-identified United States Patent Application based upon the invention. The undersigned also acknowledges that the attorneys appointed are attorneys for the assignee Western Pathology Consultants, Inc., only.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2003.

By:



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STATEMENT ESTABLISHING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

I, William I. Stopperan, as President, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc., pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27(c) state that the following facts are true:

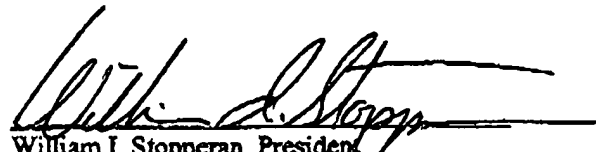
1. I am President of Western Pathology Consultants, Inc. As such, I am empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.

2. As set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 121.802, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc. is an entity whose number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons and which has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the subject matter of the enclosed Patent Application to another entity that does not qualify under small entity status. Accordingly, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc. appears to qualify as a small business concern as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.27(a)(2).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2003.

By:

  
William I. Stopperan, President  
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